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Lenore C. Wood

Majoring in family and child welfare at the University of California School of Social Welfare, Lenore Wood of Claremont ward, matron, wife of wartime major, Joseph Wood, and mother of a fine family, completed the course requirements in June,

1948, and has now the writing of her thesis for the receipt of the formal graduation.

In the meantime Sister Wood has accepted a position that came almost unsought with the San Francisco Family and Child agency. Fortunately, for her, she has been assigned to work for this agency in the east bay region looking after 23 foster families of young wards of this agency, and also the parents of 48 children wards of the agency. These are scattered from Berkeley to Hayward.

Sister Wood is also currently serving the Berkeley stake Relief Society as social welfare aide, her services being at the call of Relief Society presidencies and bishops in solving problem family and children cases that arise in their ministrations. She also serves in the same capacity on call for the Oakland stake.

Difficult cases arise from time to time that require one acquainted with our city and county welfare departments, to coordinate the local and the Church efforts. Sister Wood's work at the university has given her the necessary phychiatric background for efficient delving into hidden causes of behavior patterns. Our stakes are to be congratulated on having one so well prepared to serve them.

Berk. Stake News

● New members of the primary Stake Board sustained July 25 are° Vera Reiche from Claremont Ward, Claire Engel from East Richmond Ward, Mary Lou Pope from Berkeley Ward and Sally Olsen from Berkeley Ward. Francelle Larsen of Berkeley Ward and Althea Stoddard of Claremont Ward were released with votes of thanks for their services.

● Paul Braby was released from his position as president of the stake mission, a move made necessary by his employment taking him away from Berkeley a great deal of the time. Ariel A. Anderson was appointed president in his stead, having served several years as a very faithful

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WHAT, NO HAMMER?

Any workers who can drive nails straight—or learn how—are still needed at the Welfare Center to help construct the new building, according to Delbert Wright of the Oakland Stake Presidency. Work at the center is moving along rapidly, he reports, and adds that the first floor is being roughed in and trusses and studdings are going up on the second floor.

Work days are Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturdays. Work supervisors are there at those times and anyone who can work is urged to report to the center at 98th and Gould.

HAVE YOU HEARD

● Jack Smith, Berkeley Ward, currently studying advertising at Cal, has been chosen business manager of the Daily Cal for the year 1948-49

● Dr. Douglas and Mrs. Lucile Ream, Berkeley Ward, were in an auto accident in Nevada about a month ago during which the car rolled over throwing out their young son, David, who received eye and head injuries, while Dr. Ream was affected in his back. They are all recovered now in good part we are pleased to report.

● Frank A. Nelson, wife and two daughters, formerly very active in the old Oakland Stake, were visitors July 25 at the Berkeley Sunday School, all in the best of health and spirits. Frank A. is a lieutenant commander in the Coast Guard, now stationed at Seattle.

● A young son of Bro. and Sis. Milton Beck, who had gone on a sort of an exploration trip on his bicycle with a young companion, was injured by a bus recently on Shattuck and University Avenue, Berkeley, but is recovered now.

Apricot Project Succeeds Well

Bishop Magelby of Pittsburg reports that the apricots yielded as well and were as well cared for as heretofore on this same project but the financial returns will likely be less due to the lowered price this year, one of the lowest for years. The orchard, a government owned tract in Brentwood was secured this year by some alert branch members. Plowing partial thinning, and the irrigating were done by members (two more waterings remain to be given). The very earliest 1200 pounds picking were sold and shipped to the Pennsylvania markets at a very good figure, not yet announced. Later members have come and picked and paid 3 cents per pound for about 2½ tons, and finnally Walnut creek ward has taken between 10 12 tons which they have dried into about 5000 pounds of good dried apricots. Pittsburg and Brentwood have also done some drying of about one ton of fresh fruit.

Many people have rendered great service on this project of Pittsburg and also at Walnut Creek. Among these are the Pedersens and Sis. Epling at Brentwood, and Bud Larsen at Walnut creek.

After the dried apricots are processed by one of the large packing companies a further report may be made later.

Wanted: More Workers and Payers on Berkeley Stake's Unified Building Program.

The Stake Presidency and Stake Welfare Committee are not the least bit backward in calling for a great increase in the number of workers evenings and Saturdays and even week days on the San Pablo avenue Welfare Center. Now that vacations are coming to an end for many, and the need for more workers is better known no doubt there will be a satisfactory response to the call for men and more men.

Furthermore ,the need is equally great for cash contributions to the assigned budgets for the Unified Building Program for ward chapels as well as for the welfare center. True, the assessments and allotments were late in going out, but still the need is great for as near 100 per cent response in cash payments by August 30, 1948, as is possible.

E. Richmond Gets New Bishopric

East Richmond acquired another new bishopric Sunday, July 18, 1948. This process seems to be something of a habit in East Richmond lately. Glen P. Umberger served as bishop of the ward. Bryant S. Knowlton succeeded Brother Umberger who had moved to Utah. Now Bishop Knowlton has moved to Napa in his labors as a school teacher and also that he may engage in the furniture store work with high councilor, John Murdock, who is one of the proprietors in the thriving store in Napa.

Coming into the position as the new bishop of East Richmond is Charles V. Finell who has been serving as the first counselor to Elder Knowlton. Anthony D. Woolf will be the first counselor Superintendent); Antone Ivins Clark will be second counselor (having been second second counselor to Bishop Knowlton); Albert Dietliker and James W. Beatty will continue as heretofore as ward and assistant ward clrk. ....

A photograph had been planned so that a cut of the new bishopric could be presented in this issue of the Messenger, but one of the members left on vacation before the picture could be taken by Del Carman, our faithful and professional photographer, who serves in the bishopric of Richmond ward. Next issue will see this group in all its splendor. In another part of this issue we present a picture of the released bishopric. Below are brief sketches of the new bishopric presented through the courtesy of Ethel B. Dietliker, Messenger reporter in East Richmond, and wife of Albert, the ward's efficient clerk.

BISHOP CHARLES V. FINELL

Chas. V. Finell was born at Bingham Canyon, Utah, and spent his early years in that famous copper mining camp. Later his family moved to Leamington, and Midvale, Utah, where he attended school, graduating from the University of Utah, with a B.A. and M.A. in chemistry and metallurgy, respectively. While attending the university he met his future wife, Helen Taylor of Salt Lake.

Helen taught school for three years after graduation, after which they were married in the Salt Lake Temple, September 4, 1936, by David O. McKay. They began married life in Tooele, Utah, where he worked for International Smelting & Refining Co., as a chemist and metallurgist.

There he held a position in the Sunday School, and acted as Manual Counselor to the stake superintendent of the Young Men's Mutual in Tooele Stake. He was called into the service January, 1942, as reserve officer, and served as a captain of heavy artillery with the 153rd F.A. Battalion through France, Belgium and Germany, being a major when released. He returned to the U.S. A., October, 1945, and came to the University of California at Berkeley, to study food technology, and joined the East Richmond Ward at that time.

They have three lovely boys.

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Lamanite Legend Interests Indians

By Elder Douglas R. Stringfellow, Sec'ty. N. Calif. Mission

Extensive missionary work among the Indians is being conducted by missionaries of the Northern California Mission in the territories of Southern Oregon and Northern California. President German E. Ellsworth has appointed Elder J. Wayne Reid, president of the Klamath Falls district, to superivse the program on the Klamath reservation. Elders are going out without purse or script and they find the Indians very receptive and hospitable. To date they have been able to organize a Sunday school, Primary and an MIA.

Interesting Lamanite customs and legends have been revealed to the missionaries, who have been permitted to tread on once forbidden ground. Clyde James is responsible for introducing the missionaries to many important individuals and thus creating a warm feeling toward them in the various tribes. Mr. James is half Modoc Indian.

Two lady missionaries, Sister Ruth Baugh and Sister Mildred Smith, accompanied Mr. James on one particular trip and he introduced them to his great aunt, "Aunt Jennie", who is over 100 years old. During the conversation that followed with Aunt Jennie, she revealed to them many strange and interesting beliefs and legends pertaining to their religious life.

One of the oldest and the favorite legend that her keen mind could recollect was the one concerning three men that were among the Indians for many years preaching and teaching about the Great White Spirit. "Suddenly," she said, "they were taken up into heaven."

Many more stories such as these, which have been passed down by word of mouth for many years, have created Book of Mormon interest and have certainly given the missionaries a chance to preach the restored gospel to the Lamanite people.

Oakland Stake News

An MIA Educational Institute will start August 18 and continue each Wednesday until September 8. The Institute will cover many phases of education within the Church, and all departments of MIA work.

Intended to serve as an introduction to the MIA program for the year, attendance is not restricted to any group, and great interest has already been manifested.

Meetings will be held in the Dimond chapel at 7:30 p.m. Instruction program includes departmental work, audio and visual aides, cultural arts, and general interest topics. Programs will be available in the wards.

It is extremely important that ward organizations be rather complete before the Institute

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To the Members of the Oakland Stake:
Dear Co-Workers:

We are happy to report encouraging progress on our dual welfare programs both at the farm and in the new cannery. We sincerely thank all who have so far aided these vital projects with their time and money and urge your continued effective support.

Specifically, we request your generous cooperation in raising needed funds during the month of August. Permission has been granted for us to use locally whatever fast offering funds are collected during August in excess of your average monthly contributions.

To insure that you have a worthwhile part in these worthy endeavors please be generous and see that your contributions are sent in during August. Your Bishop will be happy to receive your offerings.

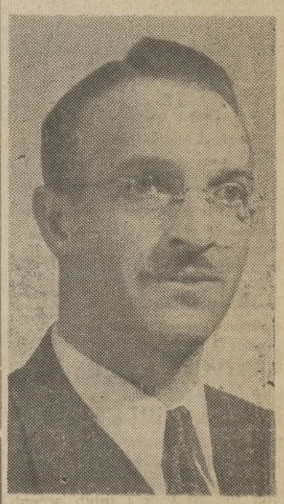
Faithfully your brethern,

OAKLAND STAKE PRESIDENCY.

Ed. W. Kingsford

In May of 1946 I was called by President George Albert Smith to go on a Mission to Mexico, thus fulfilling one of the desires of my heart.

Arriving at the Mission headquarters in Mexico City in June, I was assigned to work in that city



for the first two months, at the end of which time I was transferred to Cuautla. During my mission I worked in five districts, all within a radius of 85 miles of Mexico City.

In the districts my work was with the members, counseling families, holding cottage meetings for them and their friends and holding church meetings. The Mexicans are a friendly, courteous and hospitable people. To live among and work with them is to learn to love and appreciate them. They have little, but what they have is yours.

In Mexico the two extremes are represented. The ultra modern and the very primitive; the extremely rich and the beggardly poor. In one field can be seen the most up-to-date farm implements, while in another, two slow oxen pulling a wooden plow. In Mexico City the most modern building imaginable are erected while in the country large families live in grass huts of the poorest kind.

The majority of Mexicans are Indians, or Indian and Spanish, and therefore are Lamanites and are very susceptable to the gospel when given an opportunity to hear it. Catholicism is the national religion, although most Protestant churches are represented.

Due to injuries received in a bus accident I returned home in January, 1948, four months before completion of my mission. I am at present contacting several Mexican families in this vicinity whose names were given to me as members of the church. I hope to do some effective work among them.

Thinking of Jesus

Jesus, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see
And in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find,
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Savior of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart°
O joy of all the meek!
To those who ask how kind thou art,
How good to those who seek.

Jesus, our only joy be thou,
As thou our prize wilt be;
In thee be all our glory now,
And through eternity.

—Bernard of Clairvaux.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare my way before me: and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

Convert Leads Five Generations

By Elder Douglas R. Stringfellow, Sec'ty. N. Calif. Mission

"The Lord allowed me to live a long life so that I migh accept the gospel and do the vicarious work for my kindred dead," is the humble testimony of Sister Florence Ann Roberts of Ashland, Oregon, who was baptized June 6, 1948, as she approached her 93rd birthday. Sister Roberts, with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Raney, are among the outstanding converts to the Church in Ashland, as a result of the recently completed city directory project instituted by the missionaries of the Northern California Mission in that city in November, 1947. Sister Roberts and descendants make five generations who recently have become members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

When contacted by the elders of the Church in the fall of 1947, while gathering information for the city directory, she treated them kindly and purchased a Book of Mormon. After distribution of the directory in all the homes of the city, Mrs. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Raney were again contacted and arrangements made to hold cottage meetings in their home. Alert in mind, and a life-long student of religion, Mrs. Roberts carefully pursued every step in the gospel plan.

Through constant study and prayer with the missionaries, Sister Roberts and Brother and Sister Raney were baptized, bearing strong testimonies of the light that had come into their lives. A granddaughter had preceded her into the Church by a short period and the other generations soon followed Sister Roberts' example.

She attends meetings regularly and has set as her next goal in he ractive life to do genealogical research and temple work for her kindred dead.

She is happy for the Ashland city directory campaign which brought the missionaries again to her door, and doubly happy that they returned with the mesage of eternal life for her and loved ones.

See Who's Who

Ariel A. Anderson, an ardent stake missionary and member of Berkeley ward, who was sustained July 25, as president of the Stake Mission, is listed in the June, 1948, monthly supplement of international Who's Who, and will be in the next biennian volume of Who's Who.

Ariel A. is currently engaged as a bacteriologist at the great Western Regional Research laboratories of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, located in the huge structure recently erected by the government in Albany, Calif.

Born in Hyrum, Utah, in 1905, Brother Anderson took both the B. S. and M. S. degrees from the Utah Agricultural college, Logan, and then went to Iowa State for his Ph. D. degree, 1941. In 1941-42 he served at the Institute for Med. Research ,Christ hospital, in Cincinnati, since which time he has been bacteriologist at the Western Regional Research laboratories in Albany, as before explained. He is a member of the Society of American Bacteriologists and also of the Institute of Food Technologists.

We cannot help being proud of this fine record of one of our worthy members, all the more so because this honor has come to only one on the research staff at the Albany laboratories, we understand. He married Inez Morgan in 1932, just as he was graduated from Logan, and now they have one of the choisest of LDS families, Marlo Ray, Cordell Morgan, Gayle and Howard Lee.

An Illegitimate Orphaned Boy, A Modern Abraham

STORY BY ARCHIBALD F. BENNETT , AT BERKELEY STAKE GENEALOGICAL CONVENTION, MAY 16, 1948.

I have in mind a case of one spirit whom Satan tried to destroy. He was born under very unfavorable circumstances, an illegitimate child in a home over in Denmark. His mother hated him, deserted him before two years had passed. His grandmother kept him a little longer and then tired of him and turned him over to an orphanage, and there he grew up to be despised and ridiculed and hated almost by everyone.

Over and over he was made to feel that he was a no-account, good-for-nothing, and there was little for him in life. He felt that he couldn't stand it any longer. He went to the keeper of the orphanage and said, "Let me go away from here, let me make my own way in the world, out somewhere I'll not be known by everybody and ridiculed." The keeper said, "You can't do that; why, that is against the law." He answered, "You let me go and I will promise you'll never have any cause to worry about me again. You won't have to bother about me if you will just let me get away from here." The keeper said, "If you promise to get clear away so we won't have to hear from you again, I will let you go."

So this fourteen-year old boy went out to another part of Denmark and got a job herding sheep.

As he began to get acquainted with the people there the other sheepherders spoke of a man named Peter. "Old Peter, over there, is the queerest fellow you ever heard of. He's one of those Mormons and they have the queerest doctrines. Why, they believe in order to join the church and be saved you have to be baptized," they told this boy, "they put you in a gunny-sack and then hold you down in the water until you say you have seen the Holy Ghost, and then they let you out."

Well ,this boy thought, "Anyone so benighted as that Mormon, someone ought to take up with him." He looked around at the other people and decided that he was the best one qualified in any of that group, and so he took his Bible and went over to Peter's house. Telling me this story later, he said, "I went in there; Peter wasn't home but his wife was, and so I started on her. She soon got me so tied up in the Scriptures that I was glad to get out of there. But I still thought it was a terrible thing to be a Mormon."

I sat one time in his home in Rexford, Idaho, the home of this former orphaned boy. He had a little book out, which told the story of his life, and as he read this to me the tears ran down his cheeks. He is now good old Patriarch Andrew Hanson.

And he testified these things to me, and I knew he wasn't lying. He said "One day I was out there in the Denmark hills and I heard a voice speak to me; it called me by name: "Andrew." I looked all around but I couldn't see anyone. That's strange, I thought, I was sure I heard someone call my name, but I must have been mistaken because there is no one here."

And then the voice spoke again and he looked again and still no one. And the third time. He said to himself, because he had read the Bible, "You know, that reminds me of the story of the little boy Samuel in the Bible; the Lord called to him and told him that he had a great mission for him to perform." The spirit of it came over young Andrew and he said, "Oh, wouldn't it be wonderful if the Lord would speak to me and tell me that he had a mission for me to perform."

Then Satan tried to get him discouraged as he always does. "You miserable little ingrate, illegitimate child, to imagine for one minute that the Lord would speak to you as he had to the great prophet, Samuel. Why, you ought to be ashamed of yourself to even think such a thing."

Then the spirit of the Lord came over him and he said, "Why not: why wouldn't the Lord speak to me; am I not His child just as much as I am anyones? O, if the Lord would only tell me what he wants me to do; what my mission is, I would do it." And as an afterthought he said, "Yes, even if I had to become a Mormon." He testified that a light then shown 'round about him, and a voice spoke and said, "Mormonism is true. Join yourself to my people, keep my commandments and I will bless you and multiply you and make of you a great man."

Well, that was many years ago. He managed to get down to the seashore. He worked his passage over the ocean on a boat. He got into Salt Lake City, crossing the plains the hard way; got into Salt Lake City in the dead of winter.

Again the tears rolled down his cheeks and he said, "I had to walk from Main street up to 4th East to keep from freezing to death." "Brother Bennett," he said between his tears, "I am ashamed to say it but I had to go into the swill barrell (some of you may know what they used to be) to take slops out of them to keep alive." Brothers and sisters, when I saw him in Rexford, he was a modern Abraham, a patriarch in Israel with his sons and daughters and grandchildren gathered around him. The boys and girls came, and he gave them inspired patriarchial blessings. And he was a great and mighty man in Israel.

I am happy to say that we have a granddaughter of his today—I wonder if she would stand up—Sister Judson Stoddard. I am just using this story as typical.

Now brother Hanson went on with his temple work. He showed me a great record he had obtainen on his ancestral lines, and despite this accident at birth, he had a wonderful ancestry in the great and mighty ones. And I tell you I'm sure that there was a great concourse over there waiting for him when he crossed over.

Now brothers and sisters, you and I don't need any light to shine around us or any voice to speak to us specifically and say, "You have a great mission to perform" like Samuel had. You can hear that voice anytime in your heart if you put yourself in the right frame of mind, a voice so unminstakable that you can't deny that this is the important work.

I remember one time after the last war, after I had gone through battles; friends and others had been killed on every side of me, shells that struck right near me an dexploded. I came through it without a scratch. The patriarch had said, "You have further missions to perform and of great importance. Your life has been spared for the accomplishment of the same." And then and there I vowed that if the Lord would make plain to me what the mission was, with his help I would do it. So let us all resolve, my brothers and sisters.

PLUCK WINS

Pluck wins! It always wins tho days be slow
And nights be dark twixt days that come and go,
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Who faces issues; he who never shirks;
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Berkeley Stk. News

Ariel A. Anderson was set apart on July 25 as the new Berkeley Stake Mission President, replacing Paul Braby. The following new missionaries were also set apart: Erastus Wheeler, Napa; Thomas E. Olive, Napa; Johnathan E. Openshaw, Walnut Creek; Alfred H. Pederson, Brentwood.

There are now 46 missionaries laboring in the stake, a number still inadequate for the amount of work to be done, according to President Anderson. The missionaries would appreciate more cooperation and assistance on the part of ward members in offering their homes for discussion groups and cottage meetings, as well as in supplying names of interested non-members. Baptismal services are held at the end of each month. On Saturday evening, July 31, 17 baptisms were performed. Church members and investigators are invited to attend these services.

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August 20, a union meeting will be held for all Primary workers in Berkeley ward, and will begin at 1 p.m.

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The second quorum of elders has a program of activity believed to be unique in Berkeley stake. From one to three quorum representatives assist the bishopric of East Richmond ward in all ordinance work on fast Sunday. The elders also assist in the sacrament when needed. A ten minute speaker is supplied both wards for the evening service on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

The quorum held a picnic on July 21, in Nichols park, Richmond, which was enjoyed by approximately 50 persons.

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The 339th Quorum of Seventies and their wives recently held a fine social in Martinez recreation hall. Another entertainment is being planned for the latter part of August. It is interesting to note that all of the members of the quorum presidency are engaged in stake missionary work.

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September 10, a two-stake Relief Society convention will be held in the Oakland chapel. Visiting general board members will be First Counselor Marianne G. Sharp and Yvonne W. Peterson.

The stake Relief Society officers are announcing a program for serving refreshments at the welfare lot. Each evening at 9:30 the wives of those who are working on the project will serve light refreshments. On Saturdays at noon, lunch will be served, each ward taking turns in furnishing and serving the lunch.

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Don C. Wood and his wife, Annette, are on vacation to the Jasper National park in the Canadian Rockies. Winner of a company prize, Don C. receives this wonderful trip as part of a company of other winners and their wives from Utah whom the Woods will meet in Portland.

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The Mormon Male Chorus under the direction of Robert Sant will furnish the music for both sessions of the Berkeley stake quarterly conference, August 29. Numbers to be sung include, the "Cherubim Song," by Bertniasky-Downing; "The Omnipotent," by Shubert and Liszt; "The Crusaders," by Bach and the "Pilgrim's Song," by Tschaikowsky.

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In Berkeley stake, Bishop Allen was released as chairman of the bishops' council, and Bishop Finnell of East Richmond appointed in his stead.

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Work on the Welfare Center building is progressing. By Saturday, August 7, the footings for the entire building and the cement slab for the boiler room will be poured. Work is organized among the wards for each evening, 7-11 o'clock, and on Saturdays.

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Napa ward has sold their 10-acre orchard at an advantageous figure, reserving this season's crop, however, and will use the funds to pay for the new 13-acre chapel site. A new orchard and farm site will be sought.

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Martinez ward has now completed the concrete floors and plumbing in their fine welfare building. Next comes the windows and then the plastering.

Well to suffer is divine,
Pass the watchword down the line,
Pass the countersign, ENDURE!
Not to him who rashly dares,
But to him who nobly bears,
Is the victor's garland sure.
—John G. Whittier.

The Basic Cause Of Poor Nutrition

By Beverly Millet, Claremont Ward. Prop. Berkeley Health Food Store.

The more one studies foods the more one comes to the conclusion "that you are what you eat." If you put live foods into your body, in turn your body builds new, strong tissue. If on the other hand you put processed and refined foods into your body, you do not give the essential vitamins and minerals in the natural live state, to build strong tissues, and in turn your body, after many years, (sometimes a very few), becomes weak and various ailments start.

We must remember that the body is God's Temple and that it was made to endure for a long time. It is for us individually to take the best care of that precious body. Many times in our youth and also in later life, we do not feel ill when we eat unfit things that taste good, we think therefore, that we are eating things that are good for us. However, this is not proof that we are on a proper diet.

Some people are born with strong constitutions and can endure more abuse than others, yet it behooves each one to enhance that with which we have been blest, and to do all in our power to increase the chances of building better and stronger bodies. When we do find our dietary shortcomings we should change them in order to live longer and to enjoy every minute of LIVING.

The members of our Church are given an explanation of the law of eating in the book, "The Word of Wisdom," by John A. and Leah D. Widstoe. This book is one of our best books for the people. In the 89th section of the "Doctrines and Covenants" we read the Lord's law of health. I beseech every one of you to read this revelation and this fine book that our Church offers in helping us be healthier and better Latter-day Saints. We should be truly grateful for these helps.

In "The Word of Wisdom" we read "that the cause of poor nutrition is that same cause as given by many of the prominent health lecturers who have been talking health and good health for many years but with few heeding."

Quoting again from this same book (page 15) we find, "some of the most prominent workers in this field hold that the American diet as a whole, as well as that of most civilized nations today, is not as wholesome as it was two generations ago. Too much of the modern food supply comes from tin cans or packages, for often women as well as men work in factories and offices, and the can opener is coming to be the most used kitchen implement. Certain classes of our so-called civilized people, who in this machine age are industrially, rather than agriculturally minded, have come to subsist in a large measure upon a diet of soft, highly refined and concentrataed foods, a diet which is often predominently acid-forming, lacking in fibre or residue and poor in mineral salts and vitamins. A typical modern diet of meat, white bread, refined cereals, potatoes and sweets, crowding milk, fruits and vegetables to a minimum, is especially likely to be deficient in calcium and other minerals, roughage and vitamins. The results are unquestionably bad."

Again (page 21) we read, "one cannot say that to refrain from smoking and from drinking tea, coffee or alcohol is to keep The Word of Wisdom. That is a big step toward maintaining health, but it is not full obedience to the LAW!"

Berkeley Ward

On July 25, Berkeley ward members were given the opportunity of indicating whom they would like as the new bishop since Bishop Denzell Allen is being released in the near future. He has served faithfully for six years besides being counselor to two preceding bishops. He and his counselors have served long and well. Many thanks for work well done.

One of the newest members of Berkeley ward is Dale Edwin Nielsen, Jr., born June 28, 1948, to Dale and Erma Nielsen.

We wish to apologize to Patti Russell and Leanore Ream who were omitted from the list of girls returning from the BYU. Welcome home, girls.

We were sorry to hear that Dr. Ream and his family were involved in an automobile accident on their way home from Utah, but are glad to hear that their injuries weren't serious and that they have recovered by now.

John A. Soelberg, here for a few days visiting his parents, along with his father, gave a talk at sacrament meeting on July 4. Mr. and Mrs. John Soelberg left on vacation July 24, and will visit their children in Utah and Washington before returning.

Relief Society President Anna Patton and several sisters spent three days in Walnut Creek helping cut apricots for drying as part of the stake welfare project. Brother I. B. Ball took out a one-day membership and helped that day on the project.

The Primary gave the Sunday evening program August 1. Two ex-missionaries were speakers; one had served in the South Pacific and the other in Scandanavia. The summer Primary has been successful and Mrs. Bailey expressed thanks for the fine response of the children and their parents as well as for the teachers.

The elders' quorum held a picnic July 2 at Tilden park.

A new Sunday school class has been organized for those of college age who are home for the summer and for those who are attending summer school. The class is under the direction of Brother Sam Scott.

Berkeley has had several distinguished visitors the past month, among whom was Brother Gustive Larson, director of the LDS Institute at Cedar City, who was here at summer school.

Among the new members of Berkeley ward are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boyer. The latter will be remembered as the former Ruth McDonald, daughter of Howard McDonald, a former resident of Berkeley ward, who is now serving as president of the BYU.

The Gamma Rho Chi girls are planning their excursion to the Salt Lake temple to do baptisms and research the first of September and are being aided in their Salt Lake connections by Mr. and Mrs. George E. Southgate, former members of the ward, who ask to be remembered to their many friends in Berkeley.

—Rose Marie Dunham, ASH. 3-3448.

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Alameda Ward

The Stake Relief Society board has chosen our charming and capable Amelia Everett as its newest member. . . . The Ray Overmans have a baby girl, and the Bob DeSells a baby boy, both born July 10. . . . Rebecca Ann Winkel was blessed by her father, Francis Winkel, and Joseph Alfred Mlason by his father, Dr. Eliason, on August 2.

Our successful local missionaries, Edward E. and Ada Miller, both past seventy, have returned from a visit to Utah, Idaho, and Oregon. They attended the marriage of their granddaughter in the Manti Temple. Later at Idaho Falls relatives and friends attended a temple session in honor of Sister Miller's birthday, and redeemed many of her ancestors.. A party was also held in her honor in the evening.

A group of over thirty single LDS of both Oakland and Berkeley stakes are meeting at the home of S. K. Mortensen every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. The membership is steadily growing, and now you are also invited by this newly organized group to come and have a pleasant evening with your friends. Address is 3308 Clement avenue, Alameda.

The Alameda Relief Society has just held a successful rummage sale; net returns, $385.00. . . . James T. Simpson is back from two weeks in Orden.

The Ralph Lane family has just returned from a two-weeks' vacation at their cabin at "Twain-Heart." Ralph had a serious misfortune of cutting his right arm and was in the hospital for two days. That right arm is missed richt now on the chapel construction. Our bishop also was ordered to bed, though, of course, as you know, he didn't go. However, he is able to use his head if not his hands for a while. Then there is brother George Pinckney, who is still recovering from his foot accident received at Showmaker. Bob LaSelle has a broken heel and his foot is in a cast. Do be careful, all you other workers.

Brother Smedley, chairman of the Genealogical society, says all meetings are suspended until the completion of the chapel.

August 26 the Fireside group will present a valuable program. All are urged to attend this excellent offering.Mildred A. Morgan.

Oakland Ward

Miss Peggy Mauss was guest of honor at a dinner party given by her mother, where her friends were invited, and it was announced that Peggy would be making her future home in the Wilshire ward district in Los Angeles, where she plans to continue her musical studies for the next year. We all wish Peggy luck and a speedy return.

Congratulations to the bride and groom were in order to Erma Reichert Law, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Law, and to Gordon E. Waterman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer S. Waterman of Farmington, Utah, who were married at the home of Vaughn Abbott, president of Reno stake, Reno, Nevada, on July 3. The newlyweds will make their home in Oakland ward area.

The following is a list of those who have been released from certain offices and of those who have been sustained, respectively: Released from YMMIA, Heber Brown, superintendent; Asael Smith, lesson counselor, and Ernest Adams, activity counselor; sustained: Mervin Brown, superintendent; Wm. Schow, lesson counselor, and Kenneth Moses, activity counselor. Released, Primary association: Beatrice Noorda, president; Shudda Lee Taylor, first counselor, and Ellen Amaurie, second counselor; sustained: Amy Richardson, president; Shudda Lee Taylor, first counselor, and the second counselor has yet to be named. Released, Glenn Elliott, clerk of Oakland ward; sustained: J. C. White.

Those of you who didn't see "Glad Ta Meecicha," missed a good three-act mystery comedy. The play was under the direction of Sarah Toole. We wish to express our enjoyment to Sarah and the cast for presenting such an interesting play. The proceeds went toward Oakland's welfare farm.

We understand the Mutual organization is planning an interesting and enjoyable program for this coming fall. Everyone should be watching for the opening date.

We understand, from the Relief Society president, Laverne Pennock, that Oakland ward Relief Society is the first ward in the stake to send in their quota of the Relief Society building fund, and she said the thanks must go to our bishop for his splendid work.

—Bernadine Adams, TW. 3-4861.

Claremont Ward

Vincent Wood has been called to serve as a missionary in Eastern Canada. He will be leaving the first part of September.

People missing from our ward during this vacation season are: Marguerite Gibson, who is spending a few weeks with her parents in Willows, Calif.; Darrel Dangerfield is visiting his brother, Clarence, in Salt Lake City; Mrs. Arthur Burdett and her son, Robert, are visiting relatives and friends in Salt Lake and Ogden; Edna Cardwell left this week for Los Angeles via the air route for a visit with her daughter and family.

A note from the MIA: An evening of delightful listening greeted those who attended the ward MIA meeting on July 20. Music ruled the entire program and was given expression through the voices of Charlotte and James Richardson, who were accompanied by Mary Watkinson at the piano. Familiar solo pieces were followed by favorite duet numbers, combined to produce enjoyment.

—Gladys Hayaski.

ATTENTION—men of Claremont ward: Your help is needed at the walfare project we have been assigned every Friday night from 7 to 11 o'clock. Meet at the chapel; transportation will be furnished; bring a saw and a hammer. (Signed) Bishop A. Selden Millward.

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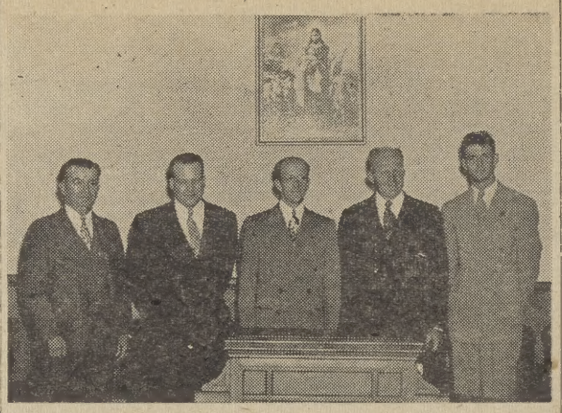

Members of the East Richmond bishopric released July 18, 1948, due to the removal to Napa of the bishop, Bryant S. Knowlton. Left to right: Albert Dietliker, released and new ward clerk; Charles V. Finell, first counselor, and the new bishop; Bryant Knowlton, released bishop; Antone Ivins Clark, second counselor in the released and in the new bishoprics: James Beatty, released and new assistant ward clerk.

News From Missionary Roger Magleby

In a home letter Pittsburg's missionary, Roger Magleby, tells of the recent Mission Conference held for the members of the Mexican Mission, where Roger is laboring. Two days were spent in meetings for members of the mission. Another two days for the missionaries of Mexico included one day of twelve hours and a second day of fourteen hours, both of testmony bearing. The meetings were held in the Mission Headquarters, Mexico City.

On one of the days of the conference, Roger baptized 18 investigators which runs his total to 32 since he has been in Mexico. He has recently been made District President of the Mexico City Dictrict and reports that the work of the Lord is progressing by leaps and bounds. Baptisms are being performed in almost unbelievable numbers throughout the entire mission, and missionaries are riding on a crest of enthusiasm such as they have seldom experienced.

Roger has been in Mexico for approximately 19 months now and will remain there for another year. He is the son of Bishop and Mrs. J. Harold Magleby of the Pittsburg Ward.

Martinez Ward

July 4, 1948, Ed Clayton blessed his baby daughter, Kathryn, and Branden Kent did the same for his daughter, Madge Lorraine. Also blessed on this day were Terry Marvin Carter, and Charlene Sue Blum, while on August 1 Shauna Lynn was blessed by her father, Drumiler.

The Ed Claytons gave farewell messages July 25. Beth's remarks were on the friendship she had enjoyed in the ward and in other wards, while Ed commented on his missionary experiences, giving testimonies that had come to him and to his missionary companions. After the meeting a reception was held in the recreational hall in their honor. Ed's recent injury necessitated his changing his employment. He will spend a three-month training period in Los Angeles.

August 8 Leslie and Edna Korth will give their farewell addresses, with a reception to follow. They will soon make their home in Sacramento.

August 1, Mryl Skidmore and Valentine Dahlin were released with a vote of thanks for their year's work in MIA. Replacing them are Gordon Barney and Gertha Brown. Congratulations to each, and also to Merle Skidmore on his calling as a stake missionary. . . . . The Ivan Haslams and their daughter, Vicki, have just returned from a three-weeks' vacation trip in Utah.

—Fern Mosier.

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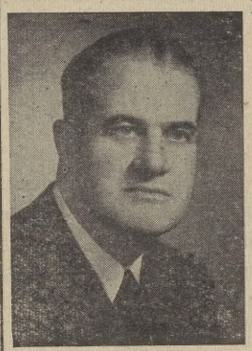
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Four LDS men have taken their doctor of philosophy degrees at the University of California this spring. These men and their fine families have been valuable also in their social and church contacts for several years, and carry with them every good wish.

Richard D. Poll (wife Emogene), majoring in history; thesis topic, "The Mormon Question in American Politics, 1950-1865." Position, History Dept. of BYU.

Brigham D. Madsen (wife Betty), majoring in history; thesis subject, "History of the Bannock Indians." Position, History Dept. of BYU.

Don C. Kimball (wife Rose), majoring in Education. Thesis topic, "Scouting as a Factor in Personality Development."

Theodore O. Thatcher (wife Zella), majoring in entomology. Has been considering positions in universities in Colorado and Kansas, and a position in Alberta, Canada.

Vallejo Ward News

Vacations and writing news sometimes conflict ,especially when 800 miles is approximate distance from Vallejo, to Preston, Idaho. That is where ye scribe is spending her vacation. Nevertheless, news travels far and through correspondence, I've picked up some interesting items.

Some of the nicest news came in a letter about Mr. and Mrs. E. Z. Taylor and the fact that they are all well again and back at Church mingling and contributing of their talents. Someone said how nice it was for her to be participating again, referring to the lovely, original pioneer poems that she read in recent sacrament services.

Being a Relief Society president is a great honor and so deserving of one so capable as Sarah Neerings. I am looking forward to attending this coming season.—

—It was a great surprise to hear of the change in the ward clerk position. E. J. Tittenser has been sustained as the new clerk to succeed Wallace Weierman who will serve as Young Men's Mutual counselor to Glen Zundell. Wallace is to be commended for the remarkable work that he has done. Also Jean, his wife, has helped him and deserves much credit. We know that Mr. Tittenser will enjoy the same success.

—Speaking of capabilities and success reminds me of the news that came to me concerning our new Young Ladies president, Lorna Tittenser, and her counselors Stella Johnson and Bessie Lee. Their past records are assurance enough for a very successful coming year.

It is nice to meet friends of the Carquinez ward as has been done in recent joint sacrament meetings, to enjoy such services as President Glen Harmon presenting an outline of his travels to points of interest in Mexico.

Also, it must have been unusual when Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Nielson of the Carquinez ward and their family presented Sunday services, the occasion being the return of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Nielson from their missions.

Have to go now; the picnic is ready and we are on our way to the canyon. See you in Church.

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Berk. Quarterly Stake Conference

The Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference will be held August 28 and 29 1948, in the Berkeley Chapel. In connection with the conference will also be held the semi-annual Stake Welfare meeting.

There will be no separate priesthood meeting but the priesthood is invited to attend the 6:00 p.m. Saturday night priesthood leadership meeting. At 7:00 p.m. Saturday night the Stake Welfare meeting will be held.

The Sunday meetings, as usual, will convene at 10 o'clock a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The Mormon Male Chorus under the direction of Robert Sant will furnish the music for the morning and after noon sessions.

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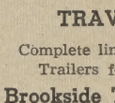
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L.D.S. Institute

Freely speaking, the activities of the Berkeley Institute go into mothballs for the summer vacation while the university students are home on vacation. Vacation to institute director George Boyd is further work at the University of Southern California on his doctorate degree; Lloyd Butler is enjoying the best vacation. He is with the rowing crew in London which is representing the U. S. at the Olympic games. The University of California crew won over the University of Washington crew and every other crew to earn this honor. We hope they return the world champions as well.

Our new Omega (girls' chapter) president, Joan Hickman, is working at a summer camp on the Russian river along with Gwen Sparks and Barbara Green.

While it seems a little dead around the institute without the old gang, summer visitors from the Brigham Young university have livened things up a little. The evening of July 20, a group of students, mostly from the BYU, sponsored a "Gay Nineties" party which provided a lot in the way of fun.

As the men entered the door thru the recreation room they received painted moustaches and hair-combs "a la gay nineties." And the girls were given paper bustles. Further atmosphere was created by appropriate old fashioned plaques and decorations. After games, (some old, some new), everyone went to the solarium which was decorated old-style with tables and candles.

A barber shop quartet rendered old ballads while waitresses and waiters served pretzels and root beer floats, in beer jugs. Words to some of the old songs were on the tables so that everyone could join in the singing.

Eunice Harmon came out in clothes which were definitely of the "new-look" vintage (thehonest to goodness McCoy) with a parasol and a hat which, thank heavens, the "new-look" fadists have not resurrected yet, and sang a heart rending song called: "My Mother Was a Lady." Her audience was profoundly affected. We had not realized before that Eunice had such a deep side to her nature.

Former president of the men's chapter, Louis Skanchy has returned from a three weeks' midshipman's cruise with the navy having traveled to Vancouver and southern California with several units of the fleet. The five inch gun which he was sighting had the unique honor of making a direct hit on a moving target towed by a destroyer. Louis expects to return to Utah for the remainder of the summer.

Neil Christensen spent two weeks flying as a photographer with the Naval Reserve this summer, and on one flight he was able to visit the Mesa temple.

Glen Farnsworth is taking pilot instruction for the navy in Florida. We are wondering which of our members we will be losing to the draft.

Marian Squire is doing flood disaster work for the Red Cross in Portland. She will be back to school to complete the work on her master's degree next term, having received a $1000 scholarship, a tremendous surprise to her since she had not even submitted an application. Maxine Manning also will be back from Salt Lake City again next fall on another scholarship. Richard Poll and Lynn Stevenson were initiated into Phi Beta Kappa recently. Lynn will work with the University of California and Richard is joining the teaching staff at the Brigham Young University. We are also losing Brigham Madsen. He took his doctor of philosophy degree in June.

Around the man who seeks a noble end
Not angels but divinities attend.
—Emerson.

Wendell Adamses Revisit East Bay

Wendell and Romona Shepherd Adams who were so active in the Oakland stake MIA during the war, and before the stake's division, visited old friends in the bay area recently. He was Kaiser's key man in personnel work, and she in public relations department; at the same time he was MIA counselor and she on the board as Gleaner leader with Marjorie Kest.

The Adams' seem to have somewhat of an exclusive on June 17 as a day for births. It sums up like this: Wendell's birthday is June 17, and their first baby was born on June 17; but that was only a mere beginning for their second baby came also on June 17, and, believe it or not, their third baby has now come on June 17. O well, at least no trouble about remembering birthdays in the Wendell Adams family. But what a strain on the June family budget, four birthday presents in one month! And how about birthday cakes?

Brother Adams is now personnel manager for ZCMI in Salt Lake City.

Berkeley Stake Recreational Institute Begins

The annual stake Recreational Institute for experience and training in methods for teaching the courses in MIA recreational arts work in drama, dance and speech began sessions Monday, August 2, 1948, in Berkeley chapel at 8:00 p.m., and continue for six weeks.

That Monday session was the first of the six Monday classes in drama, and was followed on Wednesday, August 4, by the first of six Wednesday dance sessions. The Wednesday session on August 4, was followed on Thursday, August 5 by the first of six Thursday speech sessions.

All leaders and potential leaders of ward organizations are invited to participate in the work of the Institute. The Institute will close with a public demonstration Friday, September 17, of the best work in each of the three departments, drama, dance and speech.

Directing the Institute are director, Gloria Magleby, stake speech arts director, Marlton Simons, stake dance director.

San Leandro Ward

Members of the San Leandro Ward have kept busy during the month of July. Many of our number have been vacationing which has meant added responsibility for the stay-at-homes.

And again the Bishopric desires to thank all those who have cooperated so willingly, not only in actual church activities, but in helping with the Ward garden and Stake welfare assignments.

It is hard to keep up with the production of beans at our Ward project. The pickings have been good—the beans are good—and orders for beans will be gladly received.

May we extend an official welcome to the Glen Elliotts into the San Leandro Ward. We know without a doubt that Oakland Ward's loss will be our gain. Already Brother Elliott has taken over our geneaoligical work with the assistance of his wife. We appreciate their help.

Again Sacrament services during the month of July have been inspirational. We urge all our members to attend the meetings and enjoy with us the spirit that prevails.

WATCH FOR THE DATE. San Leandro dance production to be presented by Sister Helen Noble in the early fall, in aid of the Ward building fund. Those taking part have already spent many hours rehearsing. Don't miss this program.

—Submitted by Verna M. Jackson.

Stand upright, speak thy thoughts, declare
The truth thou hast that all may share;
Be bold, proclaim it everywhere;
They only live who dare.
—Lewis Morris.

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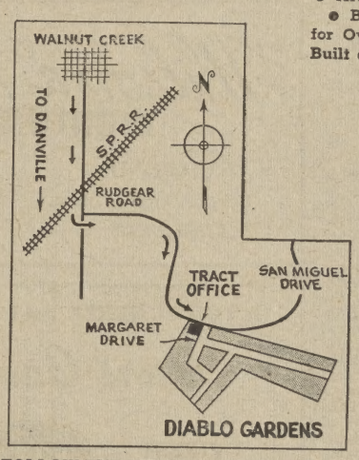

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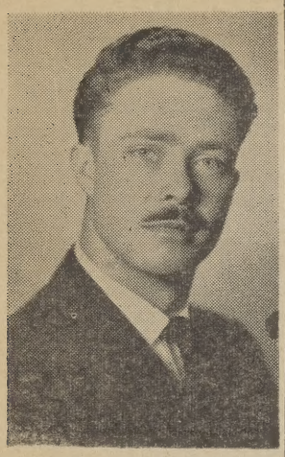

Don C. Wood reports that he had many interesting and touching experiences on his Mission to Great Britain from which he returned to Claremont in July, 1948. For seven months he had the rare privilege of travelling over the mission in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, showing pictures of Utah and lecturing to over 11,000 people upon their own invitation.

These lectures and showing of pictures were given before all sorts of organization, such as Rotary, colleges, secondary and elementary schools, youth clubs, civic groups ,service men's clubs, and recreational clubs. For some of the occasions he also sang in a quartet. They had many return invitations that they were unable to accept.

Elder Wood was able to send to Berkeley people names of saints in Great Britain worthy to receive relief packages, and later he saw the happiness that these packages had brought to the people.

In general the people of Great Britain are well fed, though the diet is rather monotonous, being composed in large part of bread and potatoes, peas, beans and some meat. Vegetables are high and hence consumed in far smaller quantities than in America. Fowl and game are not rationed and are cheaper than here, as also is meat, thought it is rationed along with almost everything else.

Such things as radios are very high due to the heavy purchase tax. Bicycles are reasonable, and plentiful, and used by everybody. Cigarettes are 70 cents a package, 40 cents of which is tax; rents are much lower than here.

Items very much appreciated by saints in Great Britain include cooking fats, rice, sugar, toilet soap, dried milk, gum, candy bars, etc. If peas and beans are sent, Elder Wood recommends they be placed in empty salt sacks lest the paper packages break in transit and spill the contents.

Elder Wood reports that the people are improving in morale, but that great numbers of them have a desire to emigrate to the U. S. While 172 baptisms were reported in the last year, about 175 of the saints emigrated that same year.

Don Jr., was much impressed by an act of brotherly kindness shown him by an entire stranger when at 10:30 one night he arrived in the wrong town, a Welsh town much like in name to the town he should have reached.

Asking a man and woman on the almost deserted streets to direct him to the wanted address. they told him of his probable mistake as to the town, and then the man said, "I'll send my wife to our home on the bus, and then go with you to hunt for the address you have. If we do not find it, you will be welcome to come and stay overnight with us."

"Thus experience taught me two things," said Don, Jr. "First, our heavenly Father watches over and takes care of his missionaries, and second, I learned that many of these people who have never heard our message are practicing loving their neighbors to a degree which any of us might well emulate.

Don, Jr.'s sister is Marjorie Wood, who returned May, 1948, from her mission. Their parents are Don C. and Annette Wood—he Claremont's former bishop, and she now Stake Primary President.

Liberty of conscience means being able to do wrong without bothering about it afterwards.

Marjorie Wood

Eighteen short months passed all rapidly for me during my mission to the Northern States. It proved to be a practical laboratory in human relations, and as such, is, in my opinion, unexcelled. Also, the experience of being away from home has taught me a greater appreciation for family, friends, and Church. And as far as formal education is concerned, I wouldn't trade my mission for three years in any university for the wealth of information and experience gleaned.

I was deeply impressed by the way in which we received inspiration and guidance from our Heavenly Father in our daily work.

For instance, during our second visit to one of our tracting districts, we called on a lady who had heard the story of the Book of Mormon the first time. It was my turn to speak, and somehow I felt impressed to talk of baptism. Soon she interrupted, saying, "You know, it's a strange thing but a couple of weeks ago several of the neighbors suggested that I have my two babies baptised next Sunday because it will be Easter. Somehow, I didn't feel quite right about it, so I have been praying that I should know what to do."

I asked her permission to read from the Book of Mormon on this very subject, and as I finished Mormon's enlightening discourse, I saw tears in her eyes. Soon after this we left and she shook our hands with sincere gratitude —thanking us for helping her to find the answer to her prayers. We fee she will accept the Gospel in due time.

A missionary's life is a well-rounded existence, offering many opportunities even for recreation as a group, and as individuals, for we were often reminded that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. We also helped the local members in their branch activities and to our amazement we had to teach many of them how to dance before we could have a "gold and green ball."

For me this mission has been like action on a diving board—preparation for a good ducking. And with such a preparation I feel better suited to enter the great sea of Church and community life.—Marjorie Wood.

Marjorie returned to Claremont ward May, 1946. She is a sister to Don C. Wood, Jr., who returned from his mission July, 1948. Parents are Don C. and Annette Wood of Claremont ward.

'I WANT TO KNOW'

(From the Church News)

QUESTION: Why did spiritual gifts stop in the Church in ancient or medieval times?

ANSWER: According to John Wesley, in sermon 89, volume 7 of his works, it was that "the love of many, almost all Christians, so called, was waxed cold. The Christians had no more of the spirit of Christ than the heathens. The Son of Man, when He came to examine His Church, could hardly find faith upon the earth. This was the real cause why the extraordinary gifts of the Holy Ghost were no longer to be found in the Christian church—because the Christians were turned heathen, and had only a dead form left." In this connection we recommend that you read the seventh chapter of Moroni in the Book of Mormon, particularly that section beginning with verse 35. Among other things, the ancient prophet says: "For if these things have ceased, woe be unto the children of men, because it is because of unbelief and all is vain." Read the whole chapter. It is worthwhile.

Maxwell Pk. Ward

We of Maxwell Park ward certainly enjoyed the July 24, celebration at the Arryo Viejo park. We were very proud to take several of the prizes. For being second in attendance we received a lovely punch bowl. The Judson family walked off with the honors for the largest family in attendance, and Bishop Stewart tied with Ted Hilton for the largest head. To those of you who missed this party, we want to say "Keep these dates in mind: come out and join us; we need you and you need us."

COMING EVENTS: Members of the Relief Society and their husbands please take note. September 7, 1948, is to be the date of our plateless, knifeless, forkless, dinner. No dishes to wash. It is the opening social of the Relief Society and will be followed by a program and dancing.

August 10, we will have another movie in our ward hall, corner of Mason street and Foothill boulevard. These movies are to raise money for our building fund, so bring the children and enjoy a good show, soda pop, candy bars, oranges. And, incidentally, we always have a few delicious homemade cakes for sale at these parties. Starting time: 8 p.m. One main feature, comedy and selected shorts.

Watch for Maxwell Park's rummage sale, to be sponsored by the Relief Society to raise money on our quota for the Salt Lake Relief Society building. More details later.

We want to thank Sister Sarah Toole and the cast of the fine play, "Pleased Ta Meetcha," for their efforts in presenting this delightful comedy for the benefit of our building fund. It was greatly enjoyed by all in attendance.

By some empty places, and numerous sun-tanned faces, we know that many of our good members have been enjoying summer vacations. We hope all you good people have had a nice summer rest so when the activities in the various organizations begin this fall we can count on all of you to support them.

—Marjorie Hawkins, KE 3-3864.

Elmhurst Ward

Sister Daisy Cox was released as Elmhurst's reporter with a hearty vote of thanks. We pray for her speedy recovery.

Another missionary has left our midst for the Uruguayan mission, Elder Gerald Smith, to who we all wish the best of luck. The Fireside has just received a letter from Gerald, who reports a wonderful trip. He wants us all to write to him and says, "I surely have enjoyed this trip and have seen many wonderful places that I would not have ever been able to see had it not been for the wonderful opportunity that is mine by filling this mission." Elmhurst now has three missionaries in the field.

Speaking further of the Smith family—Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Williams (Shirley Smith) are the proud parents of a seven pound baby girl. Shirley's folks are visiting her at her home in Rawlings, Wyo.

The Fireside of Elmhurst is prospering very well under the able leadership of our former bishop, I. Ray Darton. A new program is being planned for our Fireside with moving pictures one Sunday, a guest speaker the next Sunday, then a lesson from "Glad Tidings to All People," and the following Sunday an open discussion. President Barbara Elmer invites everyone to this new interesting program.

August 8, the Fireside has the entire program at the sacrament meeting. The subject chosen is the 13th Article of Faith. This interesting subject should bring out a large number of people.

On behalf of the bishopric of Elmhurst ward, we wish to thank the Oakland stake for the beautiful glass punch bowl which was presented to our ward for having the largest percentage of attendance at the July 24, pioneer celebration at Arroyo Viejo park. A good time was had by all.

Our ward extends an open invitation to all who wish to join and attend our youth choir which meets every Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. It is lead by Bishop Glenn Shaw.

We welcome into our ward Brother and Sister Pugmire and their small daughter, Joan. The Pugmires were former Oakland ward members.

—Raellen Reynolds, 8802 MacArthur Blvd., Phone SWeetwood 8-6892.

Carquinez Ward

The Young Men's and Young Women's Mutual Improvement Associations, are integral parts of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They devote themselves to the education and training of their membership, first, in the principles of the restored gospel, and second, in an intensive program of culture and recreation.

To carry on the welfare and advancement of the youth of the ward, Thervald Hensvick has been chosen as superintendent of the Young Men, with LeRoy Stewart as Manual counselor and William Matthews as Recreational counselor. Dagothy Matthews has been chosen President of the Young Ladies, with Dorothy Taylor as Manual counselor, and Lael Pederson as recreational counselor.

A most interesting and inspiring Sunday evening service was held July 18, when we listened to the missionary report of Elder and Sister Jay Nielsen. Elder Nielsen, who served in the Eastern States Mission, was a member of the ten-man missionary chorus known as the Utah Centennial Chorus. This chorus sang and spoke its way into the hearts of thousands. In 22 days they traveled 2,100 miles and stopped in 23 cities, and presented seventy-one performances, 29 of them being radio broadcasts. The return of Jay, from his mission, brought about a family reunion for the Harvey Nielson family. All the family, Brother and Sister Nielsen, Von Thearl, Adele, Ruth, Jay, and Melvin were together to make it a memorable occasion.

The Boy Scouts, Bruse Olsen, Kenneth Sorensen, Boyd Newman, Newell Standley, Jr., and Vernon Ingham, are attending camp for two weeks at Echo lake. Bro. and Sister Newell Standley went with the boys. Bro. Ingham, who is Ssoutmaster, and Sister Ingham, are going up for the week end to be with the Scouts.

Mrs. D. L. Tanner and children from Boulder, Colorado, are spending the summer with her parents, Brother and Sister Walter Hill.

Brother Howard Hacking has been recovering from a recent operation, and will soon be able to be out and among us again.

Our last folk dancing class for the summr will be held Tuesday, August 10, also the last summer movie. "Tarzan and the Amazons," will be held August 6, at 8:00 o'clock.—Edna Lowry.

Stop To Consider

Do we, as a group and individually, lack the etiquett of shaking hands in Church? If so, let us extend a warmer welcome to one another and, especially, to the stranger.

Do we neglect to compliment the speaker, or new members, and those entering new offices and callings?

And do we magnify our callings by attending Sunday school and sacrament meetings?

If we do not, let us begin these duties, and thus help strengthen one another.

—Fern Mosier, Martinez.

From Children's Test Papers

Milk is very good for babies. It keeps them quiet while their mothers gossip.

O, Diablo Gardens

It took Harold R. Gaisford just thirty minutes to drive me from Berkeley to his Diablo Gardens, the 90-dwelling homesite in Walnut Creek, east of the Danville road. Messenger readers will see the large Diablo Gardens ad in this issue and note that the Claude T. Lindsay Construction Co., are owners of the delightful project.

The Lindsays, as you may know, are of a large and well-known LDS family in San Francisco, and the Lindsay company have associated with them Donald C. Bennion as their attorney; Angus T. Norberg as chief accountant; Leroi B. Gardner as advertising and sales manager for their eight developments, and Harold R. Gaisford as head of the Diablo Gardens project, all East Bay Church leaders.

You may or may not be a lover of California hills, but anyone surely would love that beautiful, spacious valley, hill-surrounded on three sides with stately, beacon-tipped Mt. Diablo peering over the highest hills a few miles to the southeast of Diablo Gardens. Almost in the center of the valley stretches the winding roadways along which 90 newly landscaped homes are already showing cement foundation beginnings.

That's where Harold R. drove me last Monday morning, stopping there, of course, at his modernistic project office where sets of blue prints offer choice of 18 moderately priced, alluring homes to choose from.

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Stop and Think

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The pioneers were escaping the necessity of adjusting to the requirements of the world when they undertook the physical hardships of conquering the plains and desert. It would have been impossible to maintain their newly found and untried philosophy in the antagonistic environment around them. They left Illinois and Missouri in order that they might preserve their faith from utter annihilation.

In Salt Lake Valley, isolated from the wrath of the world quite effectively, they rooted their faith in solid ground and made it blossom and multiply. It was under conditions in which the body of the church remained apart from the world that it was able to establish itself, develop its organization, and crystallize its doctrine. Without such a period of preservation our church would not show the unity and strength characteristic of it today.

Within the last half century, however dramatic changes have taken place in the economic structure, and the geographical distribution of the church. The Uuited States has expanded until there is no longer any "mormon territory" as such, but Utah, one of the United States. Mormons have left Utah in great numbers seeking economic security elsewhere. The net result has been a process of scattering a great part of the Mormon population from California to Maine. The Church faces the challenge NOW that it escaped from 100 years ago, but it faces it in a different guise. The world is no longer antagonistic. We Mormons have been quiet for so long no one fears us or our ideas any longer.

But will not the world of temtation, more formidable than before in its indifference today swallow up the church? As this process continues we must ultimately pass into oblivion, or we must make our mark on the world We will have failed in the responsibilities God has placed upon us if we lose our identity in the atomistic, individualistic universe we see about us.

Our answer must be to have strong convictions of the validity and worth of our own philosophy. We must have no fear of asserting and utilizing our unique position of claiming to be the only large body of people in the world to receive latter-day and continuing revelation. We must seek that revelation which will stimulate and direct our action in aiding the world to achieve an ever higher degree of perfection.

The progressive history and philosophy of our church gives us background and tradition upon which to do this. The next link in our chain of progress may well be for us to quit hiding behind our history, behind our pride and our ideals, and show the world what an impact our dynamic, divinely revealed religion can have on this world in which we live.

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Note: The writer of the series, STOP AND THINK, Calvin Simons, member of one of Pittsburg's families, and a U. C. student in economics and also in the L. D. S. Institute under George T. Boyd, says, in his letter with this first installment "My greatest desire is to stimulate discussion of controversial but vital questions of concern to members of the church. I would appreciate if you would invite respouse. You could also state that the ideas expressed do not necessarily express the views of the Church." It is therefore so stated.

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Temple Excursion Next Easter Time

The Berkeley stake genealogical committee, after mature deliberation, voted to conduct a temple excursion during the 1949 Easter vacation week.

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The details are yet fluid. Yet to be decided is the particular temple and the mode of travel, whether by train, bus, or by pooling expense on members' automobiles.

It will be Easter vacation time. What better vacation can there be than to spend a week in visit- of fellow workers bent on reing a temple with a happy group deeming dear departed ones who have done so much for us as our ancestors to whom we are indebted for the civilization we enjoy today in great part.

Better consider seriously, and make up your mind to lay aside the expense money a little each month from now on, and get your names in proper order for temple work. Let us unite.

Regional Welfare Meets In Palo Alto

Louise Knight, Berkeley stake Relief Society president, was appointed chairman of the women's division of the regional welfare work at the Regional Welfare meeting held in Palo Alto, Sunday evening, August 1.

Delbert Lawson was appointed regional coordinator, and Bishop Sonne of Palo Alto ward was appointed chairman of the bishops' council in place of Bishop Denzel Allen of Berkeley ward, who is being released as bishop.

Chief objective of the meeting was to effect the reorganization of the region and also to survey further the various projects that are possible in each stake so that the region may be as self supporting as possible.

Fenno Casto of the offices of the general committee, was present and is remaining for several days in order to meet with each stake separately in regard to the bookkeeping procedures, etc. He visited in Berkeley stake Monday, August 2, attending a stake workers' meeting, and going to see the work being done on the stake Welfare Center building with which he was delighted.

FROM CHILDREN'S TEST PAPERS

In the United States people are put to death by elocution.

A skeleton is a man with his inside out and his outside off.

Acrimony (sometimes called holy) is another name for marriage.

Matrimony is a place where souls suffer for a time because of their sins.

A monologue is a conversation between two people such as a husband and wife.

The life boat is so wonderfully constructed that it can carry more than it can hold.

Shakespeare was a very polite man. He often said: "Go to," but he never finished the sentence

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BUSINESS NEWS NOTES

● Curt and Seldon Millward are very happy in their new meat and grocery store at 2912 College avenue in Berkeley, just across the street from their former location. If you enjoy really fine meats served you by a friend "at court," who can give you the better deals and know-how, call on Curt sometime for a trial. Look also for something novel in the way of a plan in the near future for serving the members with case goods at very favorable prices, and a cutting service on large scale meat carcasses for frozen lockers.

● Dying a whole rug is something new to most of our thinking. Dying dresses and "such like" is common enough. But you should see the huge vats used by the Marchant Rug company (their ad on page three of this Messenger tells more about it); they are large enough for some swimming almost. If you want they will actually blanch the whole rug and give you uniform color again. It was pretty wonderful to us, besides their usual rug cleaning and repairing.

● Dr. E. A. Ogden, chiropractor, have just purchased a new home in El Cerrito. Oakland ward will miss this fine family (two sons are now on missions), but the other ward will be the gainers. We were interested to learn that Dr. Ogden has taken Dr. Harry H. Albin into his office on San Pablo avenue over in Oakland.

● Perry G. Earl of Maxwell ward, who is the local representative for the Knapp aerotread shoes reports that he has been getting encouraging calls for his services also from members in the Berkeley stake who appreciate custom-built shoes skillfully fitted at reasonable prices. Personally as one who has to have the most comfortable shoes on the market, ye editor can say that friend Perry G. has filled all requirements well.

● Stout Brothers, tire experts, report business good in new and recapping but that at this vacation season brake relining, and wheel balancing and aligning are the principal items given attention before trips. Stouts' location at 2011 Addison, Berkeley, is proving handy for most people, and the three brothers who have taken over the business since the sudden death of Tracy Stout are brightening up their place of business by new painting jobs, inside and out, and by new attractive signs at the front.

Pittsburg Ward

As of July 15, Pittsburg's chapel has acquired the new look—inside, that is. Electricity has been ushered in and from now on there will be no more lanterns, or meetings in complete darkness. It's a thrill to drive up to the chapel at night and see the many large windows glowing with light. Now the Lord's work will go on even faster. (Now all we wait for are over stuffed chairs in the main hall.)

Two recent changes have been made in the Relief Society organization—Nellie Johnson has been released as second counselor and Evelyn Simons as sewing supervisor. In their places are Lydia Talbot and Viola Roche, respectively.

Pittsburg's MIA is all set for the fall season: Organization meetings for all officers and teachers have taken place, and in some cases class officers have men to plan next year's program. If the enthusiasm continues throughout the year, we are liable to have a banner year.

Now that the apricot project has been completed, all meetings are being scheduled again. Priesthood meeting Monday nights at 7:30; MIA recreation Tuesday nights at 7:30; and choir practice Wednesday nights at 7:30. All ward members please take note.

Sunday July 25, at the sacrament services, we were thrilled to listen to a program presented in its entirity by the M. O. Simons family. Talks were given by Sister Simons, Marlton, Calvin and Brother Simons, while Mary played a piano solo. (What this country needs is more families like the Simons.)

J. Edward Johnson Writes For California Bar Journal

J. Edward Johnson, LDS attorney, member of Berkeley Ward, is the author of an interesting series of articles currently appearing in the Journal of the State Bar of California, the official magazine of the attorneys of California.

The articles concern the lives of the men who have served on the Supreme Court Bench of California. The series began with the life of the first Chief Justice. Subsequent articles have dealt with the interesting biographies of men called to the highest legal office of the State of California in the early days of California history.

It is a distince honor to have material accepted by the Bar Journal. It is a singular honor to have a series of articles appear. "J. Ed.", as he is known to his many friends, has shown real ability as an historian in these biographical sketches of some of California's leading historical figures. The articles reflect conscientious and capable research. They are very well written and members of the Bar read them with keen interest.

J. Edward Johnson served as a member of the Stake Presidency when Oakland Stake was first organized. This was at a time when W. Aird Macdonald was serving as president of the newly formed Oakland Stake. He has previously written a very excellent booklet, on Joseph Smith. —TSF.

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New Bishopric

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FIRST COUNSELOR

ANTHONY D .WOOLF.

Anthony D. Woolf was born in Salt Lake City, but at the age of five his family moved to Cardston, Canada, and were there for ten years. Moving to Provo, Utah, he later graduated from Provo high school and the BYU, and then filled a three-year mission to Germany, returning for another year at the BYU. He served four years in the war in the Pacific area. He met his future wife Olea Babbel, at the BYU. She was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, and came to San Francisco to apprentice as a laboratory technician in Stanford hospital.

They were married in the Salt Lake Temple, April 29, 1947, and have a delightful baby girl. Bro. Woolf has served in the Sunday school superindency and as a ward clerk; also on stake MIA board in San Francisco Stake.

SECOND CONSELOR

ANTONE I. CLARK

Antone I. Clark was born in Star Valley, Wyoming, but his family moved to Farmington, Utah, when he was a small child. He attended public school in Farmington, then attended the BY. Coming to California in 1931, was with the state highway department at Lake Tahoe for seven years and then decided to come to Oakland to live.

While looking for a place to room and board he went to a house and knocked on the door; and when the door was answered, he met his future wife in the person of Grace P. Lewis. After their marriage they lived in the Dimond Ward, then moved to the East Richmond Ward.

Sister Clark joined the church a few years ago and has been an ardent worker ever since. Bro. Clark has always been interested in Scouting and sports. He is now in charge of construction of the Stake Welfare building, San Pablo avenue and Fink Lane, Richmond.

The Clark family now includes three children.

WARD CLERK

ALBERT DIETLIKER

Albert Dietliker was born in Zurich, Switzerland. His parents joined the Church and emigrated to Utah when he was three years old, first settling in Salt Lake, and later in Sanpete county where he attended school. He has been an ardent worker in the Church and has held many offices.

He met his wife, Ethel H. Bradeson, while they were both acting in Mutual Presidencies in the 30th ward of the Pioneer Stake. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple.

Albert served in World War I, and, in 1924, the couple came to California on a vacation, and have been here since. He has served in the Richmond and East Richmond Ward Bishoprics as Counselor and ward clerk for the past eleven years. He also has filled a two-year mission as stake missionary, and now is serving East Richmond as ward clerk and ward genealogical chairman, being most zealous and faithful in both activities.

ASSISTANT WARD CLERK

JAMES W. BEATTY.

Jas. Beatty was born in Oregon, and later his family moved to Burley, Idaho, and then to Twin Falls, Idaho, where he attended the public schools and Southern Branch in Pocatello.

After Pearl Harbor, being too young to enlist he went with the Morrison-Knudson Construction Co. to Pearl Harbor and was over there during the war. He returned to the U. S. A., and joined the Church.

He had met his future wife, Polly Parkinson, at Franklin, Idaho, where they had attended school together. They were married in Stockton, California, and then went to The Logan Temple. He now works at the Standard Oil Co. They have one child.

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James Richardson, Wife In Concert

July 20, 1948, was the date of a delightful concert event held for the Special Interest Group and their friends in the Claremont chapel. Brother James Richardson and his talented wife, Charlotte, presented another of their choice concerts of popular and classical vocal numbers accompanied by Mary Watkinson, the accomplished accompanist of the Mormon Male Chorus.

Beautiful solo pieces and charming duet numbers were interspersed so as to render a most pleasing variation. The Richardsons are graduate students in music from BYU and have been studying under private teachers in the bay region for the past two years. He is preparing for a career on the concert stage.

Bro. Richardson recently received a gift of $50 from the U. A. Theatre in Berkeley for solos and leadership in community singing which he contributed impromptu at the U. A. Theatre during the electrical blackout Saturday afternoon, June 5. He is enrolled at UC in the music department and spends a few hours daily as door ticket man at the U. A., very dignified in uniform.

Berkeley Stake Building Program

A large display chart was placed before the leadership meeting Sunday, July 25, showing the percentage contributions made by the wards to date for the fiscal year ending August 30. Although the assessments were not alloted to the wards, and by the wards to members until late in the fiscal year, still the response has not been up to expectations in most of the wards.

President Harmon urged all concerned to exert their greatest zeal to raise the assigned quotas for the fiscal year as near as possible, stating that it might be necessary to curtail our building operations unless more cash as well as volunteer labor is forthcoming in the next few weeks.

The percentage standing of the wards in the matter of cash received by the stake for the Stake Building Program as of July 25, is as follows: Berkeley 38%, Claremont 70%, East Richmond 40%, Martinez 51%, Napa 7%, Pittsburg 35%, Richmond 12%, Vallejo 12%, Walnut Creek 49%, Carquinez 9%. The Stake total is 30%. One month remains in this fiscal year.

Dimond Ward

Wedding bells are ringing again in our ward. Lorraine McCarthy was married to Don Andrews of Nephi, Utah, July 9, in the Manti temple. Lorraine's parents and grandparents went to Utah with her.

Billy Joyce Goodsell, our Sunday school organist, was married to Earl Milliron, July 23. Both Billy and Earl are of Dimond ward, tho he is a marine in the U. S. service at present.

We have a new carpet loom at the ward house. Welfare rugs are now in process of completion. According to Adella Swenson of the Relief Society, there is an opportunity for teen-age girls to do their bit for welfare by coming in for weaving. It will be interesting, girls; try it. Our budget calls for 25 rugs.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Weindorf are safely home from a trip to Sweden. All are happy to welcome them home and to hear their report of their delightful trip. Mrs. Weindorf declared, "Everything was grand, but we needed more time, I would have enjoyed six months." They left here April 27. Food was still rationed, they found, although it seemed to be plentiful.

The Primary organization had a fine party July 28, and on August 1, gave the program at the ward evening service. There were six graduates from Primary to MIA this year. Mrs. Lottie Smith tells us that they will open for fall work with a grand party September 8.

—Ruth Hilton, pinch-hitting for Joyce, who is on vacation.

Stake Quarterly Conference Dates

August 28-29: Berkeley.
Sept. 4-5: Palo Alto.
Sept. 18-19: Sacramento.
Oct. 9-10: San Francisco.
Oct. 23-24: Oakland.
General Relief Society Conference, S.L.C., Sept. 29-30.
October General Conference, S. L. C., Oct. 1-7.

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stake missionary.

● August 1 at 3:00 p.m., a Stake and Ward welfare meeting was held in the Berkeley chapel. That evening a regional welfare meeting was held at Palo Alto with Bro. Lee in attentance.

● Elder Keith Gaisford writes that he has been transfered from Reims to Valence, France. "Valence has 40,000 people, has a silk industry and is a railroad center which caused it to be bombed and damaged by American airplanes during the war. Also the Germans in their flight before the allied troops set off a carload of explosives in the city which did very much damage." Keith says the city is very old, the houses quaint, but the people nice and friendly, with more Protestants than he found in Reims. " There is one family of members here, one man and his wife. Frere Fargier was here alone in Valence during the occupation, and he did much to keep in contact with the scattered members in southern France... I had the occasion in Montpelier, France to see Reed Harker and to talk over old times with him. There were 18 elders and we sang in the streets to draw attention and announce our public meeting. It was interesting".

● Joe Eyring, Berkeley H. C. member and realtor has taken a new office at 1654 Shattuck avenue,(near Virginia). He is springing a surprise on the public, it seems, having acquired the exclusive rights to use a new patented "Realeteria" system of displaying real estate listings and photos of house for sale. It is called the cafeteteria of real estate, whereby the prospects can themselves view and study the listings as they are displayed on a tall, armed, revolving rack.

In commemoration of our Pioneer forefathers over 400 Berkeley Stake members gathered in Tilden Park, and enjoyed a fine outing on July 24.

Volleyball and horseshoe pitching games were enjoyed. Activity for young and old took place in the form of races. The first event of the campfire program was a costume parade featuring authentic pioneer costumes. First prize went to Nancy Rawson of Claremont Ward, who had made her dress and bonnet especially for the affair; second prize to Josephine Braley, Claremont Ward, the oldest participant in the parade; and the third prize winner to Nellie Hughes of Berkeley Ward, who wore a dress which had belonged to her grandmother.

Other highlights of the campfire were pioneer stories by Wanda Harmon and Don Wood, songs by a girls' chorus from Berkeley Ward ,a mixed quartette from Pittsburg and a free lance trio. Community singing, accompanied by Clyde Rasmussen on the accordian, climaxed the evening. The very fine program, under the direction of the Daughters of the Pioneers, was organized by Sister Johnson, and "MC'd" by Roy Clovis. The MIA is to be commended on the excellent manner in which the whole celebration was staged.

Walnut Crk. News

Our next "get together" will be August 12. In conjunction with this social, the Primary boys and girls will present their "Summer Festival." This promises to be an evening you will long remember.

Margaret Openshaw has been entertaining her parents and sisters. Her father, Frank H. Nelson, is a lieutenant commander in the U. S. Coast Guard.

We are fortunate in having such an able and conscientious worker directing our branch welfare as Bud Larsen. The apricot drying for the welfare project is nearly completed. We would like to thank the members of East Richmond, Richmond, Berkeley and Claremont wards for their assistance with the apricots. Much of the credit goes to Pittsburg ward for they supplied the apricots and the pickers, while we cut and dried the fruit.

Norma Amtoft, daughter of Mr. and Earl Amtoft, will be married to Ivan Fackrell of Idaho. The marriage will take place at the Salt Lake temple August 25. Norma and Ivan became acquainted while both were attending the BYU. We wish them a very happy life together.

—Jay Curtis, Springbrook road, Walnut Creek.

Concert Coming To Oakland Stake

Rodney Pocock, music director of Oakland Stake, announces a grand vocal and instrumental concert this fall by the Oakland Stake combined choir which will comprise about 95 members. Committees will be formed in each ward to care for details. The concert may possibly be held in the Oakland Auditorium Theatre.

About 14 major numbers are being considered and will include such favorites as the Seraphic Ode and Hail Bright Abode from the opera, Tannhauser, by Wagner, and four numbers by our own church composers.

Further notices will be given in the next Messenger. No doubt this event will see a hearty response in attendance from many places in the bay region.

E. Richmond Ward

Bishop's message—It is the new bishopric's desire that the members of the ward continue, as in the past, to be outstanding in their demonstration of friendliness, and to strive to follow the teachings of the Church, in word and deed. With this as our goal, we cannot fail to be successful as a ward.

The members of the ward regret losing Bishop and Sister Knowlton but wish them happiness and success in their new venture.

The elders' quorum held a party at Nicholas park for members of Richmond and East Richmond wards. Games and a picnic lunch was enjoyed after which they met in the ward amusement hall for dancing and refreshments.

The Boy Scouts had a committee meeting in July; Brother Don Wardle was made new secretary of Troop 131. The boys went to Camp Wolfborro for a summer hike.

We wish to remember with our love and prayers the sick members of the ward, including Sisters Nettie Dewsnup and Ollie Taylor, and Brother John O. Carlston.

—Ethel B. Dietliker.

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opens, August 18. The more attend the Institute, the greater success will wards have this season.

Thomas S. Ferguson has been released as stake MIA president and Darrel Monson with Leland Wright as manual counselor sustained. The efficiency and inspiration of Brother Ferguson will be greatly missed by all. Incidentally, Tom is said to be at work on another manuscript which we all hope to see in print.

Over 800 attended July 24 what was undoubtedly the largest stake outing ever held. After games for everyone and a fine lunch hour, the large crowd gathered in the amphitheatre before the huge bonfire for the program where many prizes were distributed, Elmhurst winning first for percentage attendance, and Maxwell Park, second.

Oscar A. Kirkham has just sent word that he will attend the Stake Father and Sons annual outing. This mammoth affair will be held in famous Tilden Park, Mineral Hills, Friday afternoon, August 6, Lake Scout Camp, in the Berkeley until Saturday evening, August 7. Hiking, sports, swimming, overnight camping, campfire programs, storytelling, cooking over the bonfire and lots of "roughing it" will make this a red letter occasion for all. Program and travel directions are being distributed in the wards.

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